

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005 (the "Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 3, 5-11, 13, 14-16, 18-22, 25-26, 28-31, 35-40 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 3, 13, 22, 28 and 35 and objects to Claims 29-31 and 36-40. Applicants amend Claims 29-31 and 36-40 and cancel Claims 3, 13, 22, 28 and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 5-11 and 14-16, 18-21 and 25-26 are allowed and that Claims 29-31 and 36-40 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended Claims 29-31 and 36-40 such that each is in independent form and includes subject matter that has been indicated as allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to Claims 29-31 and 36-40 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Chad C. Walters, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6511.

A check in the amount of \$600.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for 3 additional independent claims. Although no other fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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